
SENATE BILL 6434

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By Senator Fraser

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1 AN ACT Relating to fees for water rights applications and changes;
2 amending RCW 90.03.470; repealing RCW 90.03.471; and providing an
3 expiration date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 90.03.470 and 1993 c 495 s 2 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 Except as otherwise provided in subsection (15) of this section,
8 the following fees shall be collected by the department in advance:

9 (1) For the examination of an application for permit to appropriate
10 water or on application to change point of diversion, withdrawal,
11 purpose or place of use, a minimum of ten dollars, to be paid with the
12 application. For each second foot between one and five hundred second
13 feet, two dollars per second foot; for each second foot between five
14 hundred and two thousand second feet, fifty cents per second foot; and
15 for each second foot in excess thereof, twenty cents per second foot.
16 For each acre foot of storage up to and including one hundred thousand
17 acre feet, one cent per acre foot, and for each acre foot in excess
18 thereof, one-fifth cent per acre foot. The ten dollar fee payable with
19 the application shall be a credit to that amount whenever the fee for

1 direct diversion or storage totals more than ten dollars under the
2 above schedule and in such case the further fee due shall be the total
3 computed amount less ten dollars.

4 Within five days from receipt of an application the department
5 shall notify the applicant by registered mail of any additional fees
6 due under the above schedule and any additional fees shall be paid to
7 and received by the department within thirty days from the date of
8 filing the application, or the application shall be rejected.

9 (2) For filing and recording a permit to appropriate water for
10 irrigation purposes, forty cents per acre for each acre to be irrigated
11 up to and including one hundred acres, and twenty cents per acre for
12 each acre in excess of one hundred acres up to and including one
13 thousand acres, and ten cents for each acre in excess of one thousand
14 acres; and also twenty cents for each theoretical horsepower up to and
15 including one thousand horsepower, and four cents for each theoretical
16 horsepower in excess of one thousand horsepower, but in no instance
17 shall the minimum fee for filing and recording a permit to appropriate
18 water be less than five dollars. For all other beneficial purposes the
19 fee shall be twice the amount of the examination fee except that for
20 individual household and domestic use, which may include water for
21 irrigation of a family garden, the fee shall be five dollars.

22 (3) For filing and recording any other water right instrument, four
23 dollars for the first hundred words and forty cents for each additional
24 hundred words or fraction thereof.

25 (4) For making a copy of any document recorded or filed in his
26 office, forty cents for each hundred words or fraction thereof, but
27 when the amount exceeds twenty dollars, only the actual cost in excess
28 of that amount shall be charged.

29 (5) For certifying to copies, documents, records or maps, two
30 dollars for each certification.

31 (6) For blueprint copies of a map or drawing, or, for such other
32 work of a similar nature as may be required of the department, at
33 actual cost of the work.

34 (7) For granting each extension of time for beginning construction
35 work under a permit to appropriate water, an amount equal to one-half
36 of the filing and recording fee, except that the minimum fee shall be
37 not less than five dollars for each year that an extension is granted,
38 and for granting an extension of time for completion of construction

1 work or for completing application of water to a beneficial use, five
2 dollars for each year that an extension is granted.

3 (8) For the inspection of any hydraulic works to insure safety to
4 life and property, the actual cost of the inspection, including the
5 expense incident thereto.

6 (9) For the examination of plans and specifications as to safety of
7 controlling works for storage of ten acre feet or more of water, a
8 minimum fee of ten dollars, or the actual cost.

9 (10) For recording an assignment either of a permit to appropriate
10 water or of an application for such a permit, a fee of five dollars.

11 (11) For preparing and issuing all water right certificates, five
12 dollars.

13 (12) For filing and recording a protest against granting any
14 application, two dollars.

15 (13) The department shall provide timely notification by certified
16 mail with return receipt requested to applicants that fees are due. No
17 action may be taken until the fee is paid in full. Failure to remit
18 fees within sixty days of the department's notification shall be
19 grounds for rejecting the application or canceling the permit. Cash
20 shall not be accepted. Fees must be paid by check or money order and
21 are nonrefundable.

22 (14) For purposes of calculating fees for ground water filings, one
23 cubic foot per second shall be regarded as equivalent to four hundred
24 fifty gallons per minute.

25 (15) For the period beginning July 1, 1993, and ending June 30,
26 1994, there is imposed and the department shall collect a one hundred
27 dollar surcharge on all water rights applications or changes filed
28 under this section, and upon all water rights applications or changes
29 pending as of July 1, 1993. This charge shall be in addition to any
30 other fees imposed under this section.

31 (16) The expiration of this section does not affect payments for
32 fees made before July 1, 1997.

33 (17) This section expires July 1, 1997.

34 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. RCW 90.03.471 and 1987 c 109 s 99 & 1925
35 ex.s. c 161 s 3 as now existing or hereafter amended are each repealed
36 effective July 1, 1997.

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